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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 22, 2006, the Examiner objected to the drawings and further had objections to certain claims. The Examiner further rejected the pending claims as being anticipated or obvious in view of the Wang reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,907,949), the Brandenfels reference (U.S. Patent No. 4,750,578), the Furuta reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,732,823), the White reference (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0216929) or some combination thereof. The Examiner did, however, indicate that the subject matter of Claims 4, 15-17 and 26-32 would be allowable.

By this paper, the Applicant has cancelled Claim 24 which is the subject matter that gave rise to the objection to the drawings raised by the Examiner. The Applicant has further amended Claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of Claims 3 and 4 which the Examiner indicated was allowable. Hence, the Applicant believes that Claim 1 is now allowable over the art of record. The Applicant believes that the remaining additional claims define patentable subject matter and are further allowable due to their dependencies on Claim 1. The Applicant therefore believes that the above-captioned application is in condition for allowance and requests the prompt allowance of the same. Should there be any impediment to the prompt allowance of this application that could be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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